

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2006 dependent claims 2 and 9 as set forth in applicants' Reply dated June 8, 2006 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. In response to that Final Office Action dated July 31, 2006, independent claims 1 and 8 were amended to incorporate a modified version of the limitations of claims 2 and 9 which were also revised. The present action then issued reiterating the prior rejections.

By way of the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 9 as set forth in applicants' Reply dated June 8, 2006 which had been previously indicated by the Examiner has being allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 8 are now in condition for allowance along with claims 3-7 and 10-13 which depend on claims 1 and 8, respectively.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1, 3-8 and 10-13, is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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